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Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

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Faith Advocacy Day

Standing Between The Kneecaps Of The Powerful

By Rachel Pritchett, Southwestern Washington Synod Communicator

Between 200 and 250 Lutherans and ecumenical friends gathered in Olympia on Feb. 27 for *Faith Advocacy Day*.

The event, for learning and using the political system for social justice, has grown rapidly. Five years ago, it attracted only some 50 participants.

Bishop Robert D. Hofstad, in his morning sermon at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Olympia, likened advocacy to "standing between the kneecaps of the powerful."

The father of two grown daughters, Hofstad said that when one was very young, she would stand between him and wife Linda, and advocate for one or the other when they were involved in minor squabbles. She became known as the snuggler. So it is with advocates for social justice, he said. "We are called to snuggle or weasel our way between the kneecaps of the powerful," he said.

The true advocate, he said, is the Holy Spirit, and as Christians advocate in their own lives, they must be open to saying, "I might be wrong."

"Those are four words I believe are sorely missing from political discussion," he said.

The Rev. Paul Benz, director of the Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State,

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Standing Between The Kneecaps Of The Powerful

led the day, which included workshops on specific issues. Participants visited the Capitol Campus and their legislators in the afternoon, and sat in on committee hearings.

The Rev. Jan Nesse, assistant to the bishop, talks with participants at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Issues of interest included House Bill 2325, a proposed Community Development Fund that would provide tax dollars for faith-based and community groups to help impoverished people in their own neighborhoods. Other issues included health care coverage for children (Senate Bill 5093); racial disproportionality in foster care (HB1472 and SB 5971); and the Family Prosperity Act (HB2256).

To learn more, contact Benz at pbenz@lcsnw.org.

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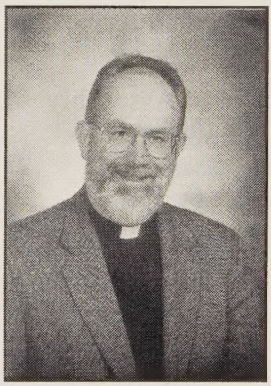
A Word From The Bishop

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."." Acts 1:8 NRSV



The Reverend
Wm Chris Boerger

By now you have heard me say repeatedly that we live in the mission field. I am increasingly convinced that our primary task as the church is to give witness to Jesus in all that we do. This is not an institutional response to declining numbers, this is a conviction that our neighbors and friends should be invited to come and see this Jesus who gives life to the world and who is changing the world into the reign of God.

For a variety of reasons, some humorous and some examples of our bondage to sin, we in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in the Northwest Washington Synod have resisted this call and command of God. It has been easier to let them come to us. When we give a cup of cold water to the thirsty neighbor, we often forget to tell them that it was given in the name of Jesus.

So the problem is fairly obvious. What is the solution? I have said that we first need to be engaged in the study of scripture and prayer. We need to know the power of God for our own lives and for the world as we invite others to meet Jesus. The study of God's Word in our congregational communities does challenge us and changes us. The intentional calling on God for others in prayer is the duty and joy of a Christian.

How might we reach out to others around us? The churchwide expression of this church is challenging us with seed money to do this. Bishop Hanson announced at the recent Conference of Bishops meeting that each synod of this church would be receiving a one-time grant of $10,000 to be used for evangelism efforts in each synod. His challenge is that we put visible meaning to the evangelical identity we claim in our name.

I am proposing to the Synod Council that we use this money as grants to congregations or groups of congregations to enable efforts that might be on the back burner due to a lack of funding priority. I hope this might encourage some creative ideas that could be shared with each other and with the larger church. The council will decide how we use this grant. There will be more information coming in the months ahead. I want to encourage you to think how your congregation might use some of this money to accomplish what Jesus says we are doing, giving witness in Seattle and in Northwest Washington, and to the ends of the earth.

Synod Assembly 2007

by Carla Berg, Chair, 2007 Synod Assembly Committee

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Peace be with you! The 2007 Synod Assembly planning continues as we enter the Lenten season. The Assembly will be held Friday, June 1st through Sunday, June 3rd at the Lynnwood Convention Center and will include a Saturday evening gathering over hors d'oeuvres and musical accompaniment. Between times of worship and many other orders of business, we will be honoring 100 years of service for the Lutheran Campus Ministries.

In addition, several workshops will be offered on several different topics.

Our Keynote Speaker is David Lose, Academic Dean at Luther Seminary and recipient of the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching. Lose is the author of Confessing Jesus Christ, which was named one of the "Top 10 Books of 2004" by the Academy of Parish Clergy. He is also the editor of New Directions in Preaching, a forthcoming collection of essays from a new generation of homiletical scholars. You can find more information about David Lose at www.luthersem.edu and will have the opportunity to meet him following his speech on Saturday.

Your congregations were emailed in January with specifics on the thematic banners we would like each participating congregation to create for the Assembly this year which tie into our theme: Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be to God! A couple of good questions have come to me from participating congregations so some clarification follows:

The banners must run vertical as opposed to horizontal (meaning the shorter measurement runs along the top and bottom) and only need to be one-sided. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly. I am eager to see the magnificence of the banners you are already working on! The banners will be a major focal point in our meeting and greeting areas and will provide a very warm welcome to our voting members and their visitors.

For those interested in hosting a Display Table, information is now available on the Synod website and by contacting our Committee Chairs for Global Missions and Display Coordination, Peter and Jane Shen at peter.shen@elca.org.

Additional volunteers are needed – if you or someone in your congregation has gifts to share (specifically in the areas of ushering, greeting and hospitality), please let me know.

Nomination Period for Synod Bishop Now Closed

by Mark J. Jackson
Task Force for the Nominations and Election of a Bishop

The period for nominating candidates for Synod Bishop is now closed. The names of all candidates who did not decline nomination will appear on the first ballot at the Synod Assembly.

The assembly meets June 1-3 at the Lynnwood Convention Center and will elect a candidate as Bishop for a six-year term.

Two forums will be held to introduce candidates to the synod (dates and locations listed below). An additional forum will be held at the Synod Assembly.

The forums will provide for a time of brief introductions and a question-and-answer session with candidates. The election at the Synod Assembly will follow guidelines established by the Synod's constitution and bylaws.

Complete information on the nomination and election process is posted on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org. Questions can be directed to bishopelection@lutheransnw.org, or contact Larry Johnson, Synod Vice President, at 425-226-6629, or Mary Beth Short, Task Force Chair, at 253-854-4438.

Nominee Forums Scheduled

Prior to the Synod Assembly two forums will be held to introduce candidates to the synod. The format of these forums will be determined by the Synod Council, based on recommendations from the Task Force for Nominations and Elections of a Bishop.

These two forums have now been scheduled.

- Saturday, May 5—1 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 2529 North Laventure Road, Mount Vernon
- Sunday, May 6—1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 9625 NE Eighth Street, Bellevue

Additionally, there will be one forum held during the 2007 Synod Assembly when the number of nominees has reached seven or fewer.

Mini-Gathering For Men

by Ron Sailer, Synod Council Member and Volunteer LMM Men's Task Force —Chair

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On Saturday, March 24, a Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Mini-Gathering will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran in Marysville. This event will begin at 9 a.m. (check-in and coffee from 8-9 a.m.) and will conclude at 5 p.m. The theme is: *Building for the Future.* Speakers are:

- Rollie Martinson, professor of Children, Youth and Family at Luther Seminary.
- Peter Mayer, lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett. He is a committed Christian musician and strong supporter of LMM.
- The Rev. Chris Boerger, Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, will be our Bible Study presenter.
- Doug Haugen, Director of the Lutheran Men in Mission, will bring us greetings and provide resources for the establishment of men's ministries in your congregation.

Registration information can be found at www.elca.org/lmm/gatherings.html. Registration is $30 for a single registration. Two or more men $25 each (any number). With four or more paid $25 registrations the Pastor attends for free.

Women's Cluster Luncheon

The Women's Stillaguamish Cluster Luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 25, at Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N Heichel, Camano Island.

The program for the luncheon is the Biloxi Mission for Katrina victims, designated giving to Biloxi Mission Free Medical Clinic for Katrina victims at Bethel Lutheran Site in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Please RSVP to: clccamano@wavecable.com or 360-629 4592.

LDR to Expend $8.3 Million

Excerpt from ELCA News Release Dated 2/19

For the full release please visit www.elca.org/news/releases.asp

In 2007 Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)—a ministry of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod—is expending $8.3 million in response to the 2005 hurricane season. Since that season Lutherans have raised more than $26 million to organize and fund recovery work.

To help carry out its core components, LDR operates with a network of Lutheran social ministry organizations across the country. In 2005-2006 LDR provided $7.2 million to more than 20 Lutheran social ministry organizations, which were assisting with the needs of survivors of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A report, "*Lutherans Respond: A Progress Report on the Response to the 2005 Hurricane Season*" was issued in 2006 by LDR and is available at www.ldr.org.

Editor's Note: Some of our congregations who have sent people to the Gulf Coast are: Bethlehem Lutheran in Marysville, Camano Lutheran on Camano Island, Cross and Crown Lutheran in Renton, Faith Lutheran in Bellingham, Grace Lutheran in Des Moines, Harbour Pointe in Mukilteo, Kent Lutheran in Kent, Morning Star Lutheran in Monroe and St. Matthew in Renton.

Rev. Glen Aaberg, pastor at Cross and Crown in Renton, recently returned from a trip to New Orleans. If you would like to have more information about what our congregations are doing to help, or if you would like to help, you may contact Pastor Aaberg at 425-255-5910 or email at glen.aaberg@cclutheran.org.

Bishops Learn of Success and Possible Changes in LDR

Excerpt from ELCA News Release Dated 3/06

For the full release please visit www.elca.org/news/releases.asp

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, expressed thanks for the generosity of ELCA members who gave millions of dollars and volunteered their time to help residents along the U.S. Gulf Coast recover from the devastating 2005 hurricane season. The presiding bishop suggested some possible changes in LDR policies and operations for the future, the result of some lessons learned in responding to widespread disasters—such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005—and from his own fact-finding trip Feb. 22 to New Orleans.

Much work remains on the Gulf Coast. "Many people -- men, women, children, the elderly and disabled, the poor, low-income and middle-income families -- have been emotionally, physically, psychologically and economically devastated. As this church, we must not be part of the society lulled into forgetfulness," said Heather L. Feltman, LDR executive director, and director, ELCA Domestic Disaster Response.

Synod Leadership Conference

Last year's conference, *Making Team Work*, was so well received that the Northwest WA Synod Leadership Support Committee will sponsor its second conference, *Conflicts & Community: A Practical Workshop for Church Staffs.* The Conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (tentative) on Thursday, August 30, at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

Those attending last year's conference expressed a wish for time together with their co-workers to discuss practical steps for addressing conflict and working well together. The conference will include informational and book displays. Bishop Wm Chris Boerger will deliver the sermon at the opening worship. Please look for more information on the conference in future Soundings, on the Synod's website and through the mail.

Retirees Enjoy Gathering

Retirees and spouses from around the synod gathered at two lunches sponsored by the Bishop on Wednesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 15. The lunches were held at Burlington Lutheran in Burlington and Lakeridge Lutheran in Seattle. Thank you to both congregations. The two lunches not only included great food but were a wonderful opportunity for retirees to gather together. Bishop Boerger gave the guests an overview of what is happening in the Synod and at Churchwide. There was much laughter and conversation.

The Rev. Grant Gard (ret.) and his wife Phyllis.

The Rev. Jan Nesse, Assistant to the Bishop, and the Rev. Dick Grinstad, pastor at Burlington Lutheran in Burlington. Members of Burlington Lutheran hosted the lunch on Feb. 14.

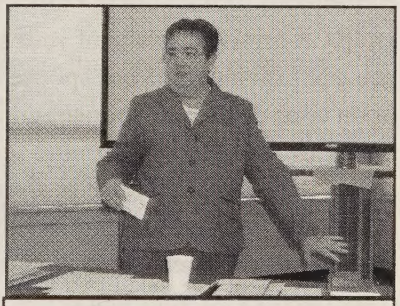
The Rev. Eldon Olson (ret.) with his wife, Marcia.

(l. to r.) The Rev. Donald Taylor (ret.) and the Rev. Wallace Johnson (ret.)

Making Church A Safer Place

On February 12 more than 35 people attended an informative workshop called *Making Church A Safer Place* led by Barbara Keller, Consultant for Prevention of Sexual Misconduct for the ELCA.

Attendees learned about the characteristics of a sex offender, boundary issues for victims of abuse and much more. Attendees also learned about how members of a congregation can make the church a safe place for children. Two ways to make the church safe are to educate congregational members and staff and to prepare a policy and a plan for responding to complaints now, before there are problems. In developing the policy and plan, congregations were encouraged to work closely with their insurance provider.



Barbara Keller responding to a question from one of the attendees.

Keller shared with us that one in four girls are abused before the age of 18 and one in six boys are abused before the age of 18. (Abuse can range from exhibitionism to long-term incest.) It was a day full of learning and approaches in how to make our churches safe.

Thrivent Builds With Habitat For Humanity

On Friday, March 16, the Thrivent Builds Mobile will be open for tours from 2 to 6 p.m. at at Holy Trinity on Mercer Island.

The Thrivent Builds Mobile is a bright red, multi-media exhibit that tells the story of poverty housing and how you can be part of the solution through Thrivent Builds and Habitat for Humanity.

What is Thrivent Builds Homes?

Through Thrivent Builds Homes, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will sponsor the construction of hundreds of additional Habitat for Humanity homes every year in the United States by combining the efforts of 2.8 million Thrivent Financial members with Lutheran congregations and institutions and others. More than two-thirds of the funding for each home will be contributed by Thrivent Financial, its members and local chapters. The remaining funding is raised through the ongoing efforts of local Lutheran congregations and Habitat affiliates.

In addition, all Habitat affiliates tithe (that is, take 10% of funds raised) to support building Habitat homes in other countries. Tithing from Thrivent Builds Homes contributions will allow up to 500 additional homes to be constructed around the world.

Leaving A Legacy

by David Swartling, Director of the Lutheran Planned Giving Consortium of Western Washington

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Leave a legacy through your retirement account—Qualified retirement accounts (including IRAs, 401(k) and 403(b) plans) are an easy and inexpensive way to leave a legacy for ministry, besides being an important way to save for retirement.

Simply obtain a beneficiary designation form from your plan administrator. (The Board of Pensions' form is available at www.elcabop.org/forms.) On the form, designate your congregation and/or an ELCA ministry as one of your primary beneficiaries. For example, you can provide that your spouse will receive 90 percent of your account upon your death and your congregation will receive a tithe (10 percent). If you are married, your spouse must also sign the form. Be sure to return the completed form to your plan administrator.

Leaving a legacy for ministry through a gift from a qualified retirement plan is easy and can reduce potential estate and income tax consequences for your heirs.

An Evening With Author Anne Lamott

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue is grateful to announce a speaking engagement with honored guest and Speaker Anne Lamott, on the evening of May 11.

In celebration of the congregation's 50th anniversary they are hosting *An evening with Anne Lamott* with proceeds going to World Hunger Relief.

Best-selling Author of *Tender Mercies, Operating Instructions* and *Bird by Bird* Anne is dearly loved by her readers. In all her novels, Anne writes about subjects that begin with capital letters – Alcoholism, Motherhood and Jesus. She is armed with self-effacing humor and is laugh-out-loud funny – and ruthlessly honest. The evening will include a speaking presentation, questions and answers and a book signing. Her new book, *(Eventually): Thoughts on Faith,* will be available for sale in the Narthex from Elliot Bay Bookstore.

Tickets are available at two price levels – General Admission $65 and a limited amount of front row seating, including an autographed copy of her new book, available for $125. This will be an evening you won't want to miss. Please contact 425-822-7907 for tickets.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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Greetings Advocates! As this reaches you there will only be about three weeks left in the state legislative session.

Where can your voice and the voice of the Church still count as things wind down? Final budget decisions will still be made in these remaining weeks as well as key bills that affect people's lives. LPPO urges you to communicate the basic message that they not forget the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and the many households struggling to make ends meet.

- State legislators email is: last name, period, first name @leg.wa.gov.
- State legislative hotline is 1-800-562-6000.
- For critical bills that LPPO is advocating please go to our website at www.lppowa.org. There you can sign up for LEAN (Lutheran Email Alert Network) to receive our regular alerts that will keep you up to date.

Update

ELCA Board of Pensions

- **Follow The Road To Emmaus**—This Easter season (April 8 May 26) walk the road to Emmaus with God by your side and reflect on the need for balance in your life. Find a guide to help you along your journey at www.elcabop.org/Home/LiveWell/Road_to_emmaus.aspx.
- **Board of Pensions Introduces New 2008 Health Plan**—The ELCA Board of Pensions announced proposed changes to its 2008 health plan that re-focus benefits toward an approach that rewards plan members for pursuing health and wellness. Members will be able to earn up to $300 in a Personal Wellness Account to help offset out-of-pocket medical costs in 2008. More information at www.elcabop.org/News_events/News_releases/2007/2008_plan_changes.aspx
- **New Billing Statement**—You will soon notice a new look to your billing statement for the ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program. The new format will include a concise billing summary, clearly show billing adjustments and offer more detail about your employee's ELCA benefits contributions. Look for changes in the second quarter.
- **Reporting A Salary Change for 2007?**—If your congregation or organization recently approved a salary increase for your pastor, rostered layperson or lay employee please fax a completed *Salary change report form* to the Board of Pensions within 60 days. Salary changes received more than 60 days after the effective date will be adjusted for only the prior 60 days. Forms are available at www.elcabop.org/forms.aspx.
- **Thinking About Taxes?**—Understanding what is taxable and what can be excluded from taxes for pastors can be challenging. Find information and links to tax resources at www.elcabop.org/UnderstandMyBenefits/About_your_taxes.aspx

Providing Faithful Pastoral Care

Bishop Wm Chris Boerger will lead four forums throughout the synod in March to help leaders discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care to all to whom they minister.

These forums respond to the action taken by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly to adopt Recommendation 2 of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality and to Resolution N, passed by the Northwest Washington Synod at the 2006 Synod Assembly. The forums will be held:

- Grace Lutheran in Bellevue, 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 18
- Faith Lutheran in Seattle, 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 22
- Our Saviour's Lutheran in Arlington, 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 25
- Prince of Peace Lutheran in Everett, 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 29

(Editor's Note: To view Recommendation 2 and Resolution N, as adopted, please visit www.lutheransnw.org and click on Calendar. By choosing one of the four events you will be able to see the links to the recommendation and resolution.)

Employment Opportunity

Custodian Needed

Faith Lutheran Church in Seattle seeks a custodian, or team of custodians, beginning April 1, 2007. Duties include cleaning with light maintenance. Requires occasional late Saturday or early Sunday hours to clean after an event. Avg. 20 hrs/wk (total for individual or team); flexible time; $11/hr. Vacation time, sick leave, no other benefits. Contact 206-523-9636 or faithoffice@faithseattle.org

Parish Records Specialist

Temporary Position—Parish Records Specialist, May-July 2007. Must be proficient in Shepherd's Staff and Quick Books Pro. Contact Pastor John LaMunyon, 22818 SE 8th St., Sammamish Hills Lutheran, Sammamish, WA 98074; prjohn@shlc.org or 425-392-7799, ext. 13.

Music Leader

Part-time position open for contemporary service Music/Worship Leader. Contact Northlake Lutheran at 425-486-6977 or nlcoffice@northlakelutheran.org.

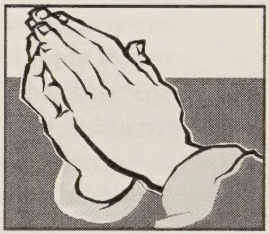
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Camano Lutheran, Camano Island, seeks a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The position is responsible for but not limited to the oversight of church activities for youth 6th grade through high school. Salary: $22,000-$23,500 (depending if medical insurance is needed). Contact Camano Lutheran at 360-629-4592.

Office Administrator

Immanuel Lutheran, Seattl,e is seeking a Office Administrator, 3/4 time. Position closes March 31. Contact 206-622-1930.

Within Our Family



To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita**
- † **The Rev. Ed Kasten (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Paul Wuest, interim pastor at Faith in Redmond,**

We pray for:

† **Aaron Roiko, son of the Rev. Roiko (ret). and Alona,** is home after a serious car accident on Feb. 14. His overall healing will take time. Cards may be sent to: Robert and Alona Roiko; 8605 – 76th Ave NE; Marysville, WA 98270.

† **The Rev. Robert Rismiller (ret.)** is recovering from an infection. He has been moved to nursing care at Emerald Heights. Cards may be sent to: The Rev. Robert and Lucile Rismiller; 10901 – 176 Circle NE; Redmond, WA 98052.

† **Bishop Rich Omland, Montana Synod,** is on the mend and out of Intensive Care. Rich and his wife, Julie, thank you for your continued prayers. Cards may be sent to: Montana Synod, ELCA; 2415 – 13th Ave S; Great Falls MT 59405.

† **Betsy Meyer, sister of Elaine Harrison, Synod Relations Administrator,** suffered a seizure in mid-February. Betsy has Alzheimer's.

† **Mary Finlayson, mother of DeDe Boerger and mother-in-law of Bishop Chris Boerger,** is suffering from continuing complications of lung cancer.

† **Jim Huff, father of Sheryl and father-in-law to the Rev Terry Kyllo,** Celebration in Anacortes, is hospitalized with an infection in the artificial heart valve. Cards may be sent to: Celebration Lutheran Church; PO Box 758; Anacortes WA 98221-0758.

† **Vernon Cederberg, father of Janet Cederberg, Associate in Ministry,** died on Feb. 8 following a battle with cancer. Cards to Janet may be sent to: Janet Cederberg; Our Savior Lutheran Church; 745 Front St S; Issaquah, WA 98027.

† **Elva Anderson, mother of Pastor Kathleen Anderson, Holy Trinity on Mercer Island,** and Dr. Roger Anderson, consultant at Trinity Lutheran College; and mother in law of Arletta Anderson, Associate in Ministry at Queen Anne in Seattle and Pastor Bob Lewis of Nativity in Renton, died on Feb. 28. A memorial service will be March 23 at Emmanuel Lutheran in Longview, with private burial in North Dakota. Memorials may be sent to Women of the ELCA, ELCA World Hunger Appeal or Providence Hospice of Snohomish County.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

News and Notes

- **The Rev. Dennis Andersen, pastor at Bethany in Seattle,** presented an illustrated slide lecture on the work of Edward S. Curtis on March 11 at the Seattle Central Public Library. Curtis was an early twentieth century Seattle photographer who spent most of his career creating evocative images of the Native American.
- Do you use an Internet search engine? Your answer is probably a whole bunch. What if Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) received a penny every time you performed a search? It's now possible. **GoodSearch.com** is a new search engine that donates half of its revenue (about one penny per search) to the charity of the searcher's choice. GoodSearch is powered by Yahoo! To start using GoodSearch go to www.GoodSearch.com. You will see two boxes, the search box and a box that says "Who do you GoodSearch for?" In this box simply enter LDR (or your favorite non-profit organization) and start searching.

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

ACTS (D-83)—This powerful, educational and entertaining film takes word for word the text from the Book of Acts from the New International Version translation.

Appealing to all ages and filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa, this multi-million dollar production of the *Book of Acts* features a cast of thousands, historically correct costumes and award-winning directing. Presented by International Bible Society and Pathway Media, it includes English subtitles, search by event or chapter, and biographies of key personalities in Acts.*Acts* is presented on two DVD's with total running time 183 minutes.

Suggested settings are Sunday school, small groups and evening programming. Suggested audience is all ages. The movie does not come with a leader's guide.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Ryan Alexander	Grace, Des Moines	3/1/2007
Installation		
Ryan Alexander	Grace, Des Moines	3/4/2007
Lydia Wittman Grebe	Zion, Custer	2/11/2007
Retirement		
Brian Beistel	Luther Memorial, Seattle	2/1/2007

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

(Transitions can be found on page 14.)

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	C	Katheryn Schlechter, and Dorcas Wang, Co-Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Dick Wendt, Interim
Everett, Prince of Peace	PR	C	Doug Stensby, Interim
Everett, Trinity	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Everett, Zion	PR	TR	Stuart Lundahl, Interim
Issaquah, Our Savior	A/SP	NV	Larry Thomas, Lead Pastor
Kirkland, Holy Spirit	A	TR	Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim
Lynden, Hope	PR	C	Supply
Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley	PR	TR	Elwood Carlson, Interim
Mercer Island, Holy Trinity	PR	TR	Paul Fauske, Pastor; Kathleen Anderson, Interim co-pastor
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	C	Paul Wuest, Interim
Renton, St. Matthew	A/SP	P	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
SeaTac, Prince of Peace	PR	TR	Martha Myer, Interim; Conrad Tollefson, Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Supply
Seattle, Luther Memorial	PR	TR	Karen Hansen, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
Shoreline, First Richmond Beach	PR	TR	Maynard Atik, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	C	Mike Swain, Interim
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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